

**Suggested Talking Points**  
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**Distribution of OFDA-funded Emergency Relief Supplies**  
**La Paz Plaza, La Paz District, Iloilo**  
**2:00 PM, July 13, 2008**

- First, on behalf of the U.S. Government and the American people, I want to extend my condolences to those that have suffered the tragic loss of loved ones, homes, and livelihoods, and experienced hardships caused by Typhoon “Frank”.
- In response to this tragedy, the American people, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), immediately sent \$100,000 in cash assistance to the Philippine National Red Cross to buy essential relief supplies for families affected by the typhoon for the provinces of Iloilo, Aklan and Romblon.
- In addition, on June 29, the USG airlifted to Iloilo relief commodities for families affected by the typhoon. Commodities include:
  - 334 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter;
  - 3,360 hygiene kits; and
  - 6,660 10-liter jerry cans

The value of these commodities, including transport, is over \$560,000. Our long-time partner, the Philippine National Red Cross, distributed quickly and efficiently these relief commodities on US Navy aircraft to areas on Panay Island and Romblon that were difficult to access by road.

- Over many years, the American people have had a close partnership with the Filipino people in providing humanitarian assistance in the wake of natural disasters.
- For the last two years, the United States has donated more than \$6 million to the Philippines for humanitarian assistance.

These funds from the American people have mostly helped families affected by Super Typhoon “Reming” in Bicol.

- In closing, I would like to congratulate the dedication and responsiveness of the National Disaster Coordinating Council, and other national, regional and local authorities throughout the affected areas. They, along with many ordinary Filipinos, have done a tremendous job in preparing for and responding to this devastating Typhoon.
- Today, the USG especially acknowledges the contribution of the dedicated staff and volunteers of the Philippine National Red Cross who have been working around the clock up since the disaster struck, as well as the leadership and dedication of Chairman Gordon.